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Russia Tourists Deny Spying

New York, Oct. 21—(UPI)—

Two young U. S. tourists, who were deported from Russia after being detained on spy charges for seven weeks, denied yesterday they acted as agents of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mark I. Kaminsky, 28, of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 26, of Bath, Maine categorically denied they were espionage agents after they landed here from Europe. Drew Pearson, a syndicated columnist, had written that while they were posing as tourists they were working for the CIA.

"I can say definitely that I was not a CIA agent," said Kaminsky.

"This report is completely false," said Bennett.

Kaminsky was sentenced to seven years in jail in Kiev on charges of espionage, but was expelled instead of serving his sentence. Bennett was detained as a material witness before and during the trial.

The two insisted they were simply tourists not doing anything "incompatible" with activities of a regular tourist.

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